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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A.	6,197,837 B1	3/6/01	HILL ET AL	516	41	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	B.	Product Brochure: "FOR INDUSTRIAL PROCESS FLUIDS," LAKOS LIQUID - SOLIDS SEPARATION SYSTEMS
	C.	Product Brochure: "ISF-INDUCED STATIC FLOTATION CELL," BAKER HUGHES PROCESS SYSTEM

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		D.    Product Brochure, "SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY FOR DEPENDABLE SEPARATION," ACS INDUSTRIES.			
		E.    Product Brochure, "WEMCO DEPURATOR 1+1," BAKER HUGHES PROCESS SYSTEMS.			
		F.    Product Brochure, "VORTOIL HYDROCYCLONE," BAKER HUGHES, BEKER PROCESS.			
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